and there are many complaints in this regard;

(b) whether the recently installed cross-bar exchange had been supplied a second hand, machine; and

(Q) whether Government are considering the installation of an electronic exchange in Shastri Nagar area of the city?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) The strowger exchange and cross-bar exchange at Meerut are generally functioning properly. There were complaints on account of faults developed during the technicians agitation. The faults have been attended to.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to install a 5,000 lines digital electronic exchange at Meerut in the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

Electrification of flats in Group Housing Societies in Delhi

♦160. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU,) has received requests from Confederation of Group Housing Societies in Delhi to appoint one Additional General Manager to clear the back-log of pending electrification work for societies which have already completed construction of flats;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon;

(c) what is the number of applications for electrification from group housing societies pending with DESU as on September 30, 1988; and

(d) what steps have been taken to provide permanent/temporary electricity connection to Samachar Cooperative Group Housing Society, Mayur Vihar Ext., Phase two?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(bj Does not arise, in view of 'a' above.

(c) The number of applications for electrification from Group Housing Societies pending with DESU on 30-9-1988 is 156.

(d) A schem for[r] electrification for Samachar Cooperative Group Housing Society has already been prepared by DESU. The request for temporary electricity connection can be consider ed by DESU only after DDA and the Housing Society pay to DESU their share of cost for implementing electri fication schemes. DESU has been directed to complete the electrification process within three months of com pletion of commercial formalitie[s] by DDA and Samachar Cooperative Group Housing Society.

Joint ventures with Chinese State Corporations

@1148. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to allow joint ventures in India between the Chinese, State Corporations, and private parties in India in selected fields; and

(b) if so, what are the regulations by which such ventures will have to

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abide both before acceptance and after?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and <b) No such proposal is under consideration of Ministry of Industry However, the selection of technologies and foreign investment is primarily left to the Indian entrepreneurs/parties, who after exploring the alternative sources of technology and techno-economic sis select the one that suits them best. Thereafter, they apply for Government's approval and sach applications with tie-ups with Chinese firms w^Il be- examined on merits in consultation with the authorities concerned, as and when tbe same are received.

Revision of wages in the Public Sector Enterprises

@@1149. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that tbe trade unions are restive because of the continuing uncertainty about a tlated settlement of the long-pending issue of revision of wages; and ofher Working conditions in the Central Public Sector Enterprises viz., Coal India Limited, Steel Authority of India Limited, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited and the Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the earlier wage agreements between managements and labour expired over a year; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to initiate to make tbe mana gements take a decision to avert labour unrest?

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THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Wage structure and other working conditions are bilaterally decided by the management and the employees in conformity with certain broad policy parameters prescribed by the Government. It is a fact that the earlier wage agreements in many enterprises have expired over a year back. Government have repeatedly stressed the need for early conclusion of all wage agreements.

Kerosene outlets in Orissa

(ffi@@1150. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tbe number of kerosene outlets is inadequate in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to open some more kerosene outlets in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on 1-10-1988 there rre 157 SKO-LDO dealerships operating in Orissa;

(b) and (c) The Oil Industry has p'anned to create 19 more SKO/LDO' dealerships in the State. These dealerships are at various stages of processing by tbe Oil Companies.

Setting up of a paper research institute[1] in Andhra Pradesh

©@@@1151. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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